DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Bhagavathiperumal Chettiyar, may I request you to hand over your representation to the Chief Secretary? I do not know if the reporter has been able to take full shorthand notes of it.

Your representation contains many valuable suggestions; in one sense, I may say, too many for me to reply to them at once. Most of them are suggestions which will have to be considered by the officer who is going to be shortly appointed for investigating the delays in the disposal of cases. The others will be referred to the High Court and disposed of upon the remarks that the High Court may send up to Government.

20. Establishment of a Magistrate's Court at Tiruvalla.

MR. K. V. SRIDHARAN MOOSSATU (*Municipal Council, Tiruvalla*) urged the need for a Magistrate's Court at Tiruvalla. Till the year 1098, there was a Magistrate's Court there. When the proposed abolition of that court was notified for public criticism, the local inhabitants strongly objected to the proposal in vain. Ever since the subject was being pressed at the Assembly, but no definite orders were passed by the Government sanctioning the prayer although the need for it was long felt by them. The member wished to know definitely whether a court at Tiruvalla would be sanctioned or not, so that the matter might be set at rest. He, however, pointed out that the people of Tiruvalla taluk were put to much hardship and loss in having to go to Chengannur, 30 miles away, in connection with magisterial cases. He therefore again pressed the need for a Second Class Magistrate's Court at Tiruvalla.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Sridharan Moossatu, I am sorry I am not in a position just now to give any such definite assurance as you have asked me to give. I will do the next best thing. I will tell you that this question of a Magistrate's Court at Tiruvalla, along with the wider question of the readjustment of the jurisdiction of the Magistrates in the Quilon Division, is engaging the attention of the Government; and if that too does not satisfy you, I may go further and say that you may expect definite orders in the matter before long.

21. Administration of Civil and Criminal Justice.

MR. NARAYANARU KRISHNARU (*Jenmies, Trivandrum Division, Group II*) made the following suggestions for removing the hardships caused to the public on account of the working of the civil courts:—

(1) Unregistered documents produced in courts were sometimes lost or tampered with. It should therefore be ruled that it would be enough if copies of documents be produced and that the originals should be produced only when necessary.

(2) Details regarding the remittance of court fees, etc, along with the plaint should be attested by the Head Clerk. This would facilitate the preparation of decree after the disposal of the suit.

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